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- 1. SUMMARY: IF PITCH IS TO BE MADE TO JAPANESE TO INCREASE THEIR AID TO EGYPT, THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT. END SUMMARY.
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MOFA AID OFFICIALS THAT INTER-MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS ON JAPAN'S FY 1978 AID PLEDGE FOR EGYPT HAVE BEGUN. MOFA CURRENTLY EXPECTS THAT GOJ ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT WILL EXCEED LAST YEAR'S TOTAL SLIGHTLY.
- 3. REFTELS INDICATE JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO BE FORTH-COMING IN ASSISTING EGYPT. IF THIS WILLINGNESS IS TO BE FOLLOWED UP, NOW WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TIME IN VIEW COMPLETION OF PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT AND IMMINENCE OF JUNE CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING.
- 4. JAPANESE ON THEIR SIDE HAVE SAID THEY WILL BE INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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ESTED TO LEARN U.S. VIEWS AND PLANS RE AID TO EGYPT.
ESPECIALLY IF IT IS THOUGHT DESIRABLE TO APPROACH
JAPANESE FOR AN AID INCREASE, ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
AND A.I.D. CAN PROVIDE WILL BE WELCOME. MANSFIELD

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